

Mississippi River Levees



- **Project Status:**
will complete 2 levee contracts, continue gap closures and survey
- **Project Issues:**
Continue Brazier Baptist Church cemetery relocation efforts.
- **FY 04 Funds Required:**
\$4.1m



Project Fact Sheet

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FC, MR&T, Mississippi River Levees, LA (NOD Portion Only)

PROJECT AUTHORITY: Flood Control Act of 1928 and subsequent amendments.

PROJECT SPONSORS: The project sponsors are the Atchafalaya Basin Levee District, Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District, East Jefferson Levee District, Fifth Louisiana Levee District, Lafourche Basin Levee District, Lake Borgne Levee District, Orleans Levee District, Plaquemines Parish Government, Pontchartrain Levee District, West Jefferson Levee District, and the Metropolitan Council of Baton Rouge.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Mississippi River Levee system in the New Orleans District extends along the Mississippi River west bank from the vicinity of Black Hawk, LA, generally southward to the vicinity of Venice, LA, and on the east bank from Baton Rouge, LA to Bohemia, LA.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The project is designed to provide protection against a project flood having a flow of 3,000,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the latitude of Old River. The Mississippi River Levees project is one of the Main Stem components which comprise the plan of improvement for the control of floods on the Mississippi River. The contribution of each element to the overall plan is inseparably related to that made by others.

PROJECT FEATURES: The plan of improvement provides for raising and strengthening existing levees. Floodways are provided at Morganza, LA, the Atchafalaya Basin, LA, and Bonnet Carre' LA to carry waters in excess of the safe capacity of the main channel. Not more than 1,500,000 cfs is to be carried in the Mississippi River below Morganza and not more than 1,250,000 cfs below Bonnet Carre' spillway. The project is part of a system and includes features such as levees, floodwalls, flood gates, pumping stations, drainage structures, locks, and channel improvements.

PROJECT COSTS:

Estimated Federal Cost	\$ 415,000,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$ 19,000,000
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$ 434,000,000

PROJECT BUDGET/SCHEDULE: In fiscal year 2004, we will Alhambra-Hohen Solms, Hohen Solms to Modeste Levee Enlargement, and continue East Bank Gap Closures. Cultural resources investigations will continue for the relocation of the Brazier Baptist Cemetery within the Alhambra Hohen Solms and Hohen-Solms-Modeste reaches. MVD has approved the cemetery relocation plan. The President's budget is \$4.1 million for FY04.

PROJECT ISSUES: None